

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

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1. A vehicle hitch supported cargo carrier mechanism connectable to the hitch of the vehicle located above the ground surface,

5 comprising:

a. an adaptor connecting to the hitch of the vehicle;
b. a base member connected to said adaptor said base member comprising an upright element, said upright element extending outwardly from said adaptor;

10 c. a platform;

d. a connector linked to said platform, said connector rotatably fastened to said upright element; and

15 e. locking means for fixing the rotating movement of said connector and linked platform relative to said upright element at a plurality of positions, said platform lying further above the ground surface than the hitch when said platform is fixed in any of said plurality of positions.

20 2. The mechanism of claim 1 in which said base member upright element comprises a first plate and a second plate, said first and second plates forming a recess, said connector fitting within said recess.

25 3. The mechanism, of claim 2 in which said base member further includes a first stop preventing rotation of said platform in one direction of rotation, and a second stop for preventing rotation of said platform in another direction of rotation.

4. The mechanism of claim 3 connector comprises a third plate and a spaced fourth plate said third plate lying immediately adjacent said first plate and said fourth plate lying immediately adjacent said third plate in said recess.

5 5. The mechanism of claim 4 in which said locking means for fixing the rotation movement of said connector and linked platform comprises an opening in each of said first, second, third, and fourth plate, each of said opening being alignable with all of said other openings.

6. The mechanism of claim 5 in which said locking mechanism further comprises an elongated member passing through each of said aligned openings.

7. The mechanism of claim 1 in which said platform further comprises at least one post extending outwardly therefrom said at least one post being removable held to said platform.

8. The mechanism of claim 7 in which said base member upright element comprises a first plate and a second plate, said first and second plates forming a recess, said connector fitting within said recess.

9. The mechanism of claim 8 in which said base member further includes a first stop preventing rotation of said platform in one direction of rotation, and a second stop for preventing rotation of said platform in another direction of rotation.

10. The mechanism of claim 9 connector comprises a third plate and a spaced fourth plate said third plate lying

immediately adjacent said first plate and said fourth plate lying immediately adjacent said third plate in said recess.

11. The mechanism of claim 10 in which said locking means for fixing the rotation movement of said connector and
5 linked platform comprises an opening in each of said first, second, third, and fourth plate, each of said opening being alignable with all of said other openings.

12. The mechanism of claim 11 in which said locking mechanism further comprises an elongated member passing through each of said aligned openings.

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